

MESSAGES OF GOVERNOR COKE.

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Executive Office,
Austin, Texas, January 23, 1874.⁴

Hon. Guy M. Bryan, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have the honor to return to the House of Representatives, where it originated, House joint resolution No. 1, "Providing for a resort to secondary evidence to ascertain the results of the general election held December 2, 1873, for Comptroller of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the vote upon the constitutional amendments, without my approval.

My reasons for returning the same is, that the regular returns of said election have, since the passage of the resolution, been procured and counted, thus superseding the necessity existing at the time of the passage of the resolution of a resort to secondary evidence.

Very respectfully,

RICHARD COKE, Governor.

⁴*House Journal*, 38.